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## Co-op store staying downtown

By Vicki Brooker  
Review Staff

For 72 years, Elk Point Co-op's food store has been a vital part of the community's downtown, and St. Paul and District Co-op General Manager Bob Scott says that with a 4,000 square foot expansion and major renovations planned to start this fall, "We're glad that we will continue to be an important part of the downtown business community."

The decision to enlarge and renovate the current store came after the Co-op's board of directors explored various other options, Scott said.

"Originally, the Co-op looked for serviced commercial property in the downtown area that was large enough to accommodate a food store, but had no success in finding a suitable location. We then looked at building a new food store at the north end of town," but found that bringing services to the area, building a service road and obtaining highway access, along with high construction costs made the project unviable, and may have also jeopardized the ability to pay patronage refunds to members.

The concern that a north-end location could be less accessible for foot traffic was also a concern, he noted.

The board of directors has engaged the services of Federated Co-ops Ltd. to plan the expansion and a major upgrade of the existing store, both inside and out, including replacement of outdated equipment. (Continued on Page 2)



Vicki Brooker photo

## Golden eggs found at Firefighters' breakfast

Firefighters Robert Smith and Mark Gormley presented big baskets of Easter goodies to the youngsters from three age groups who found the coveted golden eggs during the Good Friday Easter egg hunt at the Elk Point fire hall. Winners, left to right, were Everett Smith, 10 and over, Samantha O'Reilly, age five to nine, and Vanessa Ginez, four and under. More photos, Page 6.

## Chamber concerned with drilling impact

By Vicki Brooker  
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce packed a long agenda into their monthly hour-long meeting last Thursday as the members laid plans for upcoming events and discussed the impact that increased oil industry activity in the area could have on the community.

With one summer employment grant approval received and another pending, president Debra McQuinn is eager to finalize details on one of the summer positions, which is tied into the worker's educational program, and will see the worker make outreach visits to local campgrounds and attractions one day a week as well as manning the Visitor Information EcoCentre four days a week. The chamber will also be hiring a student for a 32-hour-week position, starting at the end of June, so that the Centre will be open seven days a week during the busiest part of the season.

McQuinn has plans to keep the employee busy at any number of tasks, and one of these could be to take registrations for the Alternative Energy Conference in June, Bob Bezpalko suggested. Bezpalko is now the manager of Northeast Alberta HUB but is still very much involved with the EcoCentre, including "looking for grants that match the game plan of what the centre is all about."

The chamber now has a certificate of operation for the EcoCentre elevator, but some other deficiencies have not

yet been rectified, a situation that does not please McQuinn, who says she "would like to get the building done" so the chamber can concentrate on to other matters.

A visitor to the meeting noted that an air monitoring site has been set up at the Elk Point airport, and inquired if it wouldn't be more advantageous to the community if it were located in town, near the EcoCentre. McQuinn agreed to inquire if this could be done.

No progress is evident to this point on the June 2 street fair in conjunction with the Elk Point Auto Club show and shine, with no information forthcoming from Sandy Smith to date. Servus Credit Union staff noted that their parking lot would be available for use that day, and has electrical outlets for food vendors, if required.

Membership figures have increased during the month, with that number now up to 30.

Increased oil activity in the area immediately around the town's perimeter is a matter of concern for a number of chamber members. "I'm not against anyone, and I know town council has other concerns, but we have to get together and get something done," Adolph Porcina said. He asked McQuinn to attend the economic development meeting on April 17 to discuss the matter. "We have to talk to each other, and it's the chamber's business to take action," he stated. Noting that pipelines were to be built in the area, he asked, "What do we have to offer them?"

Residents within a certain distance of proposed drilling have received correspondence from oil company representatives, and were able to provide feedback, Bezpalko said. "There are a lot of facets (to the situation). Two wells at the east side of the industrial park have "hindered development and investment," he noted. "It's at your front door, and you ain't heard nothing yet. Can you stop them? No. But you can make your concerns heard."

"Are bigger corporations being approached to come (to Elk Point)? Are residential lots available and can they attract a company?" McQuinn asked, with Bezpalko strongly suggesting that the mayor be asked to address those issues.

"I want answers, I would like to see things happen," McQuinn said, agreeing, "We will work together."

Melanie Poulin, who is part of the "new kind of economic development committee," told the chamber the concerns that had been stated, "Are on our radar. I think there is a movement toward communication, and as a chamber, we must keep the businesses informed."

"Adolph made a presentation to council," Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said, "and it was very helpful. All the concerns the town asked to be addressed by CNRL have been addressed." Yaremkevich said he is "100 per cent in favour of getting together with the EDC and chamber" to discuss the situation. (Continued on Page 2)



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## Extensive damage in truck collision

By Cst. SARAH SPAANS  
Elk Point RCMP

On April 2 at approximately noon, Elk Point RCMP, along with Elk Point EMS and Elk Point Fire Department, responded to a report of a two-vehicle semi-truck collision on Highway 646, approximately 12 km east of Elk Point. An eastbound semi-truck was attempting to turn north onto a side access road when a westbound semi-truck collided with it. Extensive damage was caused to both vehicles and both drivers were transported to hospital to have minor injuries assessed. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this collision.

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## E.D.C Highlights

In last week's article we showed you the importance of having a 24/7 supply of good clean drinking water, but water alone cannot ensure the success of a community. Chapter two of the "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" goes on to show us the importance of also having a strong business community. Let us explain:

### Don't Attract Business



"The second way you can ensure your community's doom is to ensure that new businesses are not enticed to your community by competitive tax rates and services, especially if they may be competing with existing businesses."

"In researching 13 Ways, Griffiths found that communities of about one thousand people in which there was only one grocery store, that grocery store owner barely made enough money to support his or her family. However, in communities of roughly the same size where there were two grocery stores, interestingly enough, both did quite well. Likewise was the case in communities of three to five thousand when it came to restaurants. In that case the few restaurants all suffered, although when there were many restaurants, they all seemed to do well."

"Why does that occur? People in general like choice and variety and they like to feel they are purchasing in a competitive environment that assures the best price. In communities where competition was limited, people would choose to drive to another community where there was more choice, more variety and better prices because of competition. Continue to encourage businesses to leave and don't attract new business if killing your community is your goal."

So what is our town doing to attract new businesses to set up shop in our town? Early on in 2011 the EDC recommended to Council that we needed to offer Tax Incentives to try to entice people to invest in our community. In March of 2011 the town introduced the following Tax Incentives and made them retroactive to January 1st, 2011. For a New Business being built, the town is offering a 3 year 100% Tax break on the Municipal portion of the property taxes. The town is also offering a 100% for the first year, 50% in the second, 25% in the third and fourth year break on the Municipal portion of the property taxes for new Residential Construction. For more information on the Tax Incentives the town is offering, visit [www.elkpoint.ca](http://www.elkpoint.ca) and click on Tax Incentives.



We think it is safe to say that the new Tax Incentives have played an instrumental role in attracting the new commercial development on Highway 41, which houses the new Subway Restaurant, and the new Apple Drugs Pharmacy & Drug Store. We would also like to believe that it played a major role in the decision making process for Strad Energy Services and their 7.5 acre development that will be located on the east side of the highway in the new Industrial Subdivision.

Not only does attracting new businesses give us more choices, better service, and competitive prices, it also provides the town with an increase in the tax base. Without this increase our Town Council has no choice but to raise taxes each year, because as we all know the cost of living goes up every year, and so does the cost of running our town.

Got an idea for a new business? Why not act on it today. Not only is Elk Point a great place to live in, it is also a great place to do business in. With the current Tax Incentives being offered by the town, the time has never been more right for you to open that business that you have been dreaming of.

Do you have an idea for what the Town could do to attract more businesses? We would love to hear from you today.

Sincerely,  
The Economic Development Committee  
EDC@elkpoint.ca

Next week's topic: "Don't Involve Youth"



Elk Point Co-op is slated for expansion and renovation at its current location.

## Co-op to stay downtown

(Continued from Front Page)

"It won't be a new store, but it will look like new," Scott said.

Because of the scope of the project, work "may not start until next spring", after the planning and design work is completed.

Elk Point's Co-op cardlock is also slated for expansion, and this will take place this year, in response to growing sales. Two more clear diesel pumps and another satellite pump and the another clear gasoline pump are expected to reduce line-ups considerably, with another 75,000-litre storage tank added to the site to help ensure adequate fuel supplies are on hand. Work on the cardlock expansion "should start this spring," Scott says.

Elk Point's current Co-op store, built in the late 1970s and expanded in 1986 is the fourth Co-op store in the community, all of them located within a one-block radius. The first Co-op opened in 1940 in the building next door to the town office, across the street from the current store's parking lot. That building later became a bakery, an arcade and a take-out pizza restaurant. The second store, opened in 1946 and also located across the street from the present store's parking lot, was later the home of PRAG

Plumbing, a newspaper office a flower shop, a craft store, a stationery store and gift store before becoming an antique store. In 1968, the Co-op moved a block west, across the street from the current store, to the building now housing Knotty Boyz Embroidering, and has also been the location of a credit union, a meat market, two newspapers, a travel agency, a building products store, a real estate office, video rental outlet and trophy shop over the years.

## Chamber

(Continued from Front Page)

Becky Paul of Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization visited chamber to distribute the latest Lakeland visitor's guide, and to provide some information on the upcoming Riverland Challenge, noting, "We're trying to rally volunteers and those who would like to donate toward it."

Pauline Kotowich of Servus Credit Union announced that this was her final meeting with the chamber, as she has taken the post of manager at the St. Paul branch.

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# Provincial candidates talk education

*ATA and SPERD enrol candidates for day of education*

By TIM BANMAN

## Review Contributor

Around 40 attended the St. Paul Education Regional Division and Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) Local #25 day for education with three candidates running for MLA for Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills.

Incumbent and Progressive Conservative Ray Danyluk, Liberal John Nowak and Wildrose Shayne Saskiw gave five minute introductions. NDP candidate Phil Johnson was unable to attend due to another commitment.

"I got into politics because of education," said Danyluk, in his presentation. Danyluk served as a trustee and chair with the school board before serving with the County and being elected as MLA.

As Infrastructure minister, he saw two new schools and three modernized schools in the area. As former Municipal Affairs minister, Danyluk worked with libraries. Danyluk praised Portage College for providing access and opportunity to youth in the community.

"In this area, we do have the best system of education. We have the best teachers. We have the best facilities." He reminded the audience Premier Alison Redford restored \$107 million in funding upon taking office.

"Education is critical to the long term success and sustainability of Alberta. The work teachers do is beyond meaningful," said Nowak for the Liberal Party. "They're not just teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, they're teaching social conscience, responsibility and the passion for lifelong learning."

The Liberals would invest \$100 million in subsidizing early childhood education, starting in high needs areas. The party is looking at reducing the requirement from 52 weeks to 26 weeks of employment for maternity and parental leave.

"Students, in my mind, that cannot afford private school still deserve the best education possible," he said. "We are making a commitment to cut funding to private schools."

The Liberals would take \$137 million in funding from private schools and give to public schools over five years, he said. The party plans to eliminate school fees and start a provincial school lunch program, starting in high needs areas. Liberals would give teachers \$500 tax credit to "recognize the work you do."

The PCs announced a \$500 teacher tax credit last week.

"We feel it's been 42 years of the same government in this province and it's time for a change," said Saskiw for the Wildrose. "Ensuring Alberta's children have access to a world class education is one of the most important roles the provincial government can play in building our province."

Alberta spends more per capita on education than any other province, he said, adding the problem is getting value for money with hundreds of millions of dollars wasted or misallocated "by what has become a massive bureaucracy."

The Wildrose promises funding for 1,425 new teachers, teachers assistants and support staff for students with special needs. Regarding Redford's reinstating of \$107 million in funding, "it was really giving back what was owed," said Saskiw. He said only 60 per cent of teachers that were let go were rehired with the funding.

"The Wildrose education policy would empower parents and return local control to individual public, catholic and charter and alternative schools."

The NDP plans to phase in a "targeted" school lunch program in elementary schools, prohibit school instruction fees, introduce voluntary full-day Kindergarten and stop school closures in "mature" neighbourhoods by revising the funding formulas and backing projects that fill unused school space, according to the party's website.

After introductions, each of the candidates moved to one of three tables for a 20 minute Q & A, with each

candidate allotted 20 minutes per table.

## Bill 2

At one of the three tables, Saskiw and Danyluk faced questions regarding the Education Act, which failed to pass before the writ dropped.

Saskiw said he worked with Wildrose MLA Rob Anderson to draw up "substantive amendments to the legislation we felt if put in, would be palatable." Wildrose backed off and would have allowed the bill to pass, and planned to promise to change the legislation if elected, he said. The bill failed to pass because the PCs filibustered its own legislation for three days "because they knew they were going to get backlash," according to Saskiw.

The Wildrose disagreed with the section that would have applied the Human Rights Act to home schools and Christian schools, he said. "We feel on morality, it's the parents' choice ... just like a pastor would teach his congregation and that the state should have no role in those types of issues."

The Wildrose amendment would have allowed freedom of religion, "provided it doesn't promote hatred or promote one race above another."

"I would say the education bill is a good bill," said Danyluk. "There's never been a bill that I know of that's got more consultation and input from school boards, parent councils, and associations."

Danyluk said "there was no discussion from anybody about any of those challenges," until the election call. "Yesterday the Wildrose candidate said

they were going to eliminate the Human Rights Act. I want to tell you, that is one of the scariest things in the world."

One woman asked the incumbent MLA candidate why school construction has become a "political issue" in Grimshaw.

"It is a philosophical issue," said Danyluk. When parties talk about reducing infrastructure budgets, "rural Alberta is going to suffer." In Grimshaw, the board did not use funding it had to fix up the school, he said, adding he would guarantee it would be one of the 50 new schools or 70 modernizations the PCs announced last week.

A former minister faced criticism after writing a letter to the school board, warning the Holy Family Catholic School Division

board its comments could delay a new school.

Participants asked Nowak about his party's plan to have free post-secondary education by 2025.

The party plans to cap and lower tuition for undergrads by \$250 per year and create an endowment fund to reduce and eliminate tuition, Nowak said.



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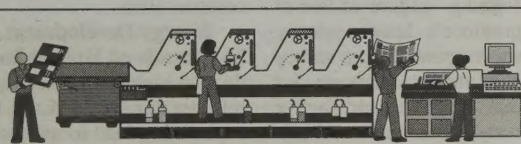
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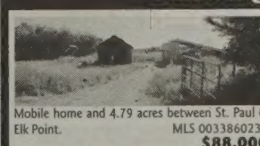
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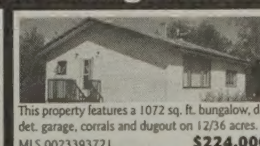
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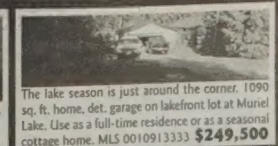
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## EDITORIAL

## Just go away

An incident in Edmontnon over the weekend involving a conflict between an election candidate and a homeowner gives us pause for thought.

Should politicians, representatives of religious groups and other uninvited individuals be able to ring our doorbells, even if we have signage indicating they may not be welcome? Should we, as residents, have the right to chase them off our doorsteps?

A polite, "Thank you, but I'm not interested" should be all it takes, even if we have studied self-defense.

## WAY BACK WHEN...

## Dance medals, coach honoured, bunny trail

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 IN...

1987

Elk Point was celebrating 25 years since the community's designation as a town, and looking back at the happenings of 1962, when a new post office was built and the long-awaited four-sheet curling rink was opened. The curling club held their windup banquet and awards, with the Wayne Hanson, Elk Point Ambulance and Dave Yake rinks winning the men's honours, the Reo Van Maarion and Jim Fell rinks topping the mixed division, and Stella Lorenson skipping the ladies' winners.

1992

Elk Point Ukrainian dancers Steven Bayduza, Melanie Malachowski, Raegan Croteau, Tom Bayduza, Lori Porcina, David Lychak, Michele Hillebrand, Mark Kozak, Bev Hillebrand, Leslie Hillebrand, Dorothea Naber and John Kozak earned a mark of 87 for their Hopak at the Vermilion Music Festival and performed again in the Festival of Stars, winning gold medals and a trophy for Large Group, 16 Years and Over. The majority of bookings coming in from out-of-town, rather than local, businesses for the upcoming trade show concerned Ag Society president Glenn Harms, who felt local businesses should "come and defend their territory."

1997

Elk Point Atom Cyclones coach Don Gallant was named Coach of the Year by Elk Point Minor Hockey Association at their season windup banquet after the first-year coach overcame problems including the split of the Atom lineup into two teams, losing their star player and their goalie moving to Florida. Bantam Lightning headed off on their final road trip of the season, headed for Calgary and the 40-team Value Drug Mart tournament.

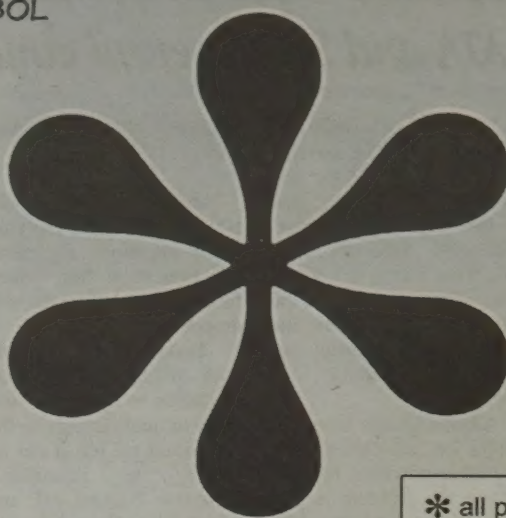
2002

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce honoured hardworking Midget Girls Provincials organizers from Elk Point Minor Hockey, A. G. Ross Arena Operating Committee and Elk Point Storm, after the tournament brought a much-needed boom to the local business community. The elimination of the extended health benefits program had some seniors angry and many concerned about how they would cover basic denture and eye care.

2007

The bunny trail stopped at the C. G. Baker Arena for little riders taking part in the final gymkhana of the season, who took home buckets filled with Easter goodies, while their older counterparts received everything from halters to horse blankets as trophies for their season's efforts. Twenty-five students from Chicoutimi, PQ arrived in Elk Point for the second half of an educational exchange that sent F. G. Miller students east in mid-March.

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Decision Alberta 2012

We are reaching the half way point of a twenty-eight day provincial election campaign to end with voting to take place on Monday, April 23, 2012. The candidates are Premier Alison Redford, Progressive Conservative Leader; Danielle Smith, Wildrose Party leader; Raj Sherman, Alberta Liberal party leader; Brian Mason, New Democrats party leader; and Glenn Taylor, Alberta Party leader.

What are the issues? To help us summarize the issues, I went to the net and learned the following:

**Environment.** The Alberta government has been grappling for years with ramping up oilsands production while balancing environmental concerns its impact on land, water and air.

**Impaired driving law.** Bill 26, was passed, which will impose tough administrative penalties on drivers with a blood-alcohol concentration about .05 – lower than the .08 reading required to lay Criminal Code charges – by suspending license and seizing drivers' vehicles.

**Health care.** Health care continues to be a hot button issue in Alberta, with the public and politicians asking why a \$16 billion system doesn't function more efficiently or produce better results. Lengthy ER wait times have yet to be improved. An added possible issue is the debate over allowing more private medical care that is funded by the public system – or giving Albertans the right to use public insurance to obtain treatment at the public, private or non-profit health providers of their choice.

**Doctor intimidation.** February's landmark report by the Health Quality Council of Alberta will likely be a major touchstone of the campaign. It found a "culture of fear of and intimidation" within the province's health system. More than half the physicians who responded to a survey reported being limited in their ability to advocate for patients; about 20 per cent said they'd experienced "active harmful obstruction," such as threats, punishment and bullying.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

lying. The report also found unacceptably long wait times for emergency room care because of a shortage beds and long in-patient stays.

**Taxes and money.** Alberta had its fifth straight deficit this year, although it's supposed to be the last. The province is projecting that surging oilsands royalties will erase the red ink in coming years. But opposition parties are deriding these forecasts as fantasy and have blasted the Tories for financial mismanagement as government spending tops \$40 billion.

**Education.** The controversy has flare over the amended Education Act, which died on the order paper on the last day of the legislature sitting. The bill angered home-schoolers concerned it would take away their right to teach their children values as they see fit.

**Power and Power Lines.** Alberta was already one of the highest-priced jurisdictions in Canada for electricity before prices skyrocketed in December and January due to expectations of a colder-than-normal winter and a short supply due to unplanned shutdowns of two coal-fired power plants.

**Property Rights.** Bill 50, the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, kicked up a storm of protest because it deprived landowners of a public hearing to determine whether power lines on their property were necessary. They also protested Bill 36, the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, which fails to allow access to the courts and compensation for landowners affected by regional plans, and Bill 19, the Land Assembly Property Act, which enables government to freeze land for indefinite periods for major projects without compensation.

**Energy Development.** Alberta contains about 175 billion barrels of bitumen locked in sand, and oilsands production is slated to ramp up to an estimated 2.7 million barrels per day by 2015, up from about 1.5 million. This is expected to lead to an upswing in bitumen royalties in the coming years, more than doubling from current levels to \$10 billion in 2014-15. At the same time, slumping prices means natural gas production is expected to decline by about five per cent annually over the next three years.

**Social Issues.** The Redford government boosted payments to welfare and AISH recipients in its February budget, and a debate may be looming about the future of social programs in Alberta as the province plans a broad review of government spending.

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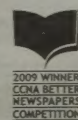
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## Letter to the Editor

## 21-Day Menu not appetizing

So the Provincial election has been called and they thought I had gone away and forgotten about the Provincial 21 Day Menu. I'm back! For the past two years, having made a commitment to the seniors of northeast Alberta, I have tried many times and many tactics to get this issue resolved.

For any of you who may have forgotten, the Provincial 21 Day Menu was rolled out across the province in early 2010 to all publicly owned hospitals and nursing homes of 125 beds or less (rural Alberta). Under this program, prepared, often frozen, food arrives at these facilities where through a process of re-thermalization (steaming/reheating) the food is then plated and served to the residents in long term care facilities as well as patients in hospitals. My major concern has been with the residents in long term care because these poor folks will be eating this until they depart this earth. Most of this food comes from large food processing plants in eastern Canada and the eastern coast of the USA. Our provincial government condones this although they continue to say how important Alberta's agriculture sector is to our economy!

This whole problem began when the government in its infinite wisdom centralized health care services. The new Alberta Health Services (AHS) board was in over their heads. They were faced with trying to solve the health care crisis in Alberta. The problems were endless – from some people not being able to access a family physician, to lengthy wait times for appointments with specialists and, thus, treatments or surgeries, to long wait times in emergency rooms, to lack of much needed long term care beds, etc., etc. So not knowing where to start, they began by “fixing” the one thing that was not broken – the food!

There is now no on-site preparation of food in our hospitals and nursing homes. Hence, there is no longer that pleasant home-like feel of smelling the meal being prepared over several hours. There is nothing like the aroma of home cooking to give a person an appetite in anticipation of the wonderful meal to come. To deprive the frail and the elderly of a decent meal is reprehensible. Is this the type of society that we want to live in? I think not.

I think back to the time when my father-in-law was a resident at the J. P. DeCosse Auxiliary care centre. Common sense still prevailed and his meals were all prepared on site. I never once heard him complain about the food. In fact, there was always a rush to get to the dining room well in advance of the meal. Meals were a bright spot in the day for most residents who had very little to look forward to. The tasty meals helped make living in long term care more tolerable. Days were long for him and it was wonderful that three times a day there would be a nice, home cooked meal awaiting him. Surely after all the hard times in his life he was entitled to this pleasure.

Is Walter's story any different than the residents in long term care today? Not really. All of the residents have known the good times and the hard times and each in turn has contributed to our society. What is different, however, is that the residents no longer look forward to the meals. How can we as a society justify taking away the enjoyment of a good meal? Have we taken leave of our senses to expect people to eat reheated processed food? Is this the thanks we give to people who have worked hard and contributed to the growth of this province? It is important to note that our provincial jails do not serve this food to the inmates.

After two years of repeatedly bringing this issue to the attention of government officials and seeing no meaningful changes made to the Provincial 21 Day Menu, I can no longer support this government. I will be voting on April 23rd to hire a new representative and, thus, a new party to replace the old guard. We, the electorate, have the power to bring long overdue change to this province. The first order of business must be the dismantling of the AHS board and a return to local control. No local board member in his/her right mind would condone the food that is currently being served in our local hospital and auxiliary care centre.

Edith Read  
President of Region 2  
Alberta Council on Aging

## Letter to the Editor

## The power of the word

Language has been called the most powerful drug known to humanity. The words we hear and speak can have a distorting effect on our point of view as well as our inner most feelings. Consequently, words understood clearly or misunderstood have a greater impact on our lives and relationships than we sometimes want to admit. A second factor to be considered in this equation is the explosion of the use of electronic media where hundreds of billions of words are transmitted worldwide on a daily basis.

For we Albertans who are currently undergoing a barrage of words as each political party strives to influence our thought processes so that we might cast our vote for them, a fundamental understanding of the power of words is absolutely essential. It is crucial in these days that we should consider words carefully if we do not want others to take over our minds.

We would do well to remember that political terms are exceptionally tricky. Take the word “democracy,” a key word in the realm of politics, where its expansive use has led to it meaning what anyone wants it to mean. It has been so soiled and debased that we find it in the names of some of the world's most dictatorial dictatorships such as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North).

One thing that is certain in the world of politics, is the manner in which long-term politicians are obviously well coached in the use of euphemisms. Very simply put, in politics euphemisms have always been used to candy-coat unpalatable realities. Shakespeare wrote: “while the words in the mouths of the parties in power are smoother than butter, the language of opposition parties is unadulterated vinegar.” The discerning voter will make allowances for the motives behind words when the government says that a proposed policy will lead to broad new uplands of progress and the opposition says of the same policy that it will bring ruination of the nation and the “democratic way of life.”

Propaganda and word-smithing or as John Kenneth Galbraith called it, “wordfact,” go hand in hand. They are tools which have always served well those who would have the desire to manipulate and control the great masses of common folk. However, they are not without their pitfalls.

I offer the absolute bungling of the Redford government's handling of the committee pay for no work affair as a classical example of absolute failure by the PC propagandists. As has been demonstrated time and time again, the longevity of the PC's has either blinded them from being

able to judge the mood of Albertans or they have become so haughty that they believe that they have the divine right to govern! Otherwise, why would they be so prepared to accuse other political parties of “fear-mongering” while they are totally engrossed in the art of intimidation and innuendo!

Everyone in the Town of St. Paul has heard the propagandists exuding with language which is nothing short of insulting by openly suggesting that unless we vote for the PC party, we will not be represented adequately in the new government and we will suffer dire consequences. In Two Hills, the Mennonite community has strived very hard to get their own school. Now they are being told that unless they vote in a certain way, their dream may be delayed further.

Look out Bonnyville! Your seniors are going to have to forgo their “right” to appropriate housing unless you vote for the PC candidate. Then of course there is the fine example set by yet another PC sacrificial lamb, Hector Goudreau. I could not have created better classical examples of how simple words are used to intimidate people.

Having said all this, my favorite line from the PC propagandists goes something like this: “the Alberta and Wildrose parties are made up of nothing but disgruntled Conservatives.”

There is no denying this. The question that has not been answered remains: “Why?” Thinking back to the 70s when Peter Lougheed challenged the Socreds and won, was that not what the Socreds said? “Not to worry they are nothing but a bunch of disgruntled Socreds!”

Fellow Albertans, I urge you to open your ears and minds and carefully analyze the rhetoric (words) that are being thrown at you during this most important event. Your words and thoughts have no value if you fail to get out and vote on April 23rd.

Paul-Emile Boisvert  
St. Paul

## Letter to the Editor

## Show Alberta pride

## To the Editor,

This letter is addressed to the 60 per cent of Albertans who did not vote in the last provincial election, to encourage you to think hard about what you might want in the future of this province for yourself and those younger and older than you. Living in Canada is a great privilege when we look and listen to the chaos in much of the world today. Our most important gift from our governments is the rights and freedoms that we enjoy and that we often take for granted. As a senior citizen, I see the possibility of a bleak future for the next generations if we remain apathetic about these freedoms.

During the history of Canada, citizens were called upon to work together many times to defend our freedoms, including the freedom to vote. Please think hard about how you would feel if our country had no rights or freedoms and no peace for our lives. We are not caught in terror or war or vast populations, where life may have little hope.

If you are 18 years or older, please make it a pri-

ority to exercise the precious right to vote, even if you have doubts about political promises. Discuss issues with others and make sure that you are registered (VoterLink.ab.ca) or at the polls on April 23, by using your driver's license. Please don't leave it to others to make your decisions for you, take an active stand as an Albertan. Let's keep our country democratic by being a responsible citizen. We still have soldiers dying for our right to freedom – make their sacrifice worth your vote.

Show your Alberta pride.

Sandy Kummetz

Elk Point

## Stoney Lake Jamboree

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## Pancakes and Easter eggs

A near-capacity crowd packed Elk Point's fire hall on Good Friday morning as firefighters and volunteers served up pancakes and sausages to all comers before the youngsters in the crowd stampeded up the stairs to the firefighters' recreation room to seek out the Easter Bunny's stash of eggs, including one gold-egg for each of three age groups.



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F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2012 got in some early practice for this June's graduation ceremonies, as they lined up on stage both with and without their graduation gowns for one last picture before the stage is demolished as part of the upcoming gymnasium enlargement and renovation project.

# Last class on FGM stage

Vicki Brooker photos

# Calgary chuckwagon tarp sales break all-time record

By VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Chuckwagon tarp sales for the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede broke all-time records on March 29, when Kelly Sutherland's tarp sold to Tervita for an incredible \$300,000, far surpassing the former all-time high price of \$210,000, which Sutherland's tarp brought in 2008.

Gary Gorst and Buddy Bensmiller tied for the second highest price of \$150,000 apiece, Gorst's tarp going to Friends of the Calgary Food Bank and Bensmiller's to Pidherney's. Luke Tournier netted \$140,000, Jason Glass

\$135,000, Chad Harden \$130,000 and Obrey Motowylo \$125,000 while Reg Johnstone, Jerry Bremner, Vern Nolin, Colt Cosgrave and Hugh Sinclair received \$120,000 apiece. Kurt Bensmiller sold his tarp for \$115,000 while Doug Irvine and Rae Croteau Jr. sold theirs for \$100,000.

In all, the 36 wagons sold for a whopping \$4,015,000, \$11,500 higher than the record set in 2007.

Watch next week's issue for the results of the World Professional Chuckwagon Association tour tarp sales and the 2012 schedules for both the WPCA and the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association.

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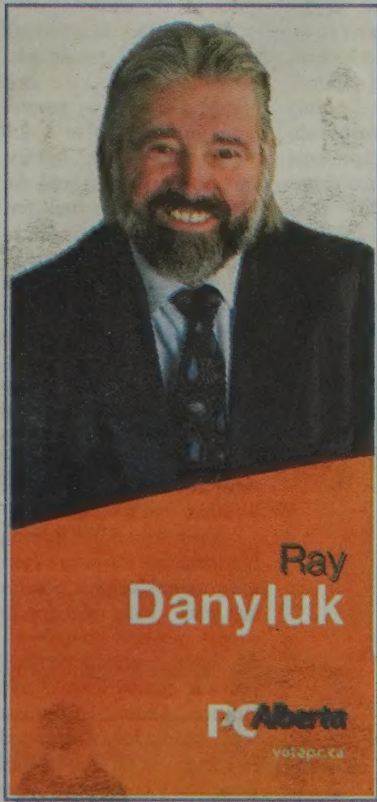
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*I believe in supporting the local groups and facilities that sustain rural communities.*

- Working together, we have developed and supported the Allied Arts Centre, Regional Library, Eco Centre, and our historic sites and trail system. We have also completed upgrades at the Heinsburg hall/seniors' club and playgrounds throughout the area. These amenities are so important to our quality of life, as well as attracting residents and tourism to our region.
- Our PC government will continue to support communities and non-profits through sustainable funding – it is making such a difference.

*I believe that we need to keep building the roads, schools and other infrastructure that support growth in rural Alberta.*

- Working together, we have successfully built a new fire hall in Elk Point, supporting the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of our community. We have completed paving Krider Road and are moving ahead with Northern Valley Road to increase safety for residents and industry. And we are moving ahead with renovations and gymnasium expansion at F.G. Miller School.
- Our PC government will continue to invest in needed infrastructure – now is not the time to fall behind. We will build 50 new schools and modernize 70 others over the next four years. We will pave over 1100 km of roads this year alone.

*I believe that our land is our legacy, and agriculture must continue to thrive.*

- Working together, we have helped support our agriculture sector through difficult times, and we are now well-positioned to grow, diversify, and add value to our products. Our land use legislation allows us to protect our land and watersheds and minimize the impact of industrial activity.
- Our PC government will continue to guarantee that if any land is ever required for public use, you have the right to consultation, compensation, and access to the courts.

*I believe in continuing to increase access to health services in our communities.*

- Our PC government will continue to support our publicly-funded health care system – building on what works and finding creative ways to improve. We will increase access by creating 140 family care clinics across the province, enabling pharmacists to renew more prescriptions, and expanding programs to bring medical residents to rural Alberta and encourage them to stay.

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# Long gun registry no more

*Bill C-19 receives royal assent*

By JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

The federal government has been successful at repealing the long gun registry as Bill C-19, the Act to Amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act, received royal assent on Thursday.

"Finally we will have freedom for long gun owners and the registry will be gone," said Westlock-St. Paul MP Brian Storseth, from Ottawa, Thursday afternoon.

Getting rid of the long gun registry was one of the big issues voiced by constituents when Storseth ran for office in 2006. Repealing the registry is something rural Albertans have been asking for a long time, said Storseth.

Last week, the province of Quebec requested an injunction to stop the federal government from destroying information contained in the registry.

Information contained in the registry really is the registry itself, said Storseth, adding, the federal government has said all along it has no intentions of helping provinces set up their own long gun registries.

A valid firearms licence is still required to purchase or possess firearms and ammunition in Canada. Police background checks and safety trainings courses, along with proper storage and transportation of firearms is also still required. Restricted firearms must still be registered.

## April is Safe Digging Month

By CYNTHIA HANSEN

Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

April is Safe Digging Month, and Enbridge encourages you to call before you dig.

Each year thousands of injuries and many deaths could be prevented if more Canadians picked up the phone before digging.

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As the ground thaws and everyone starts planning outdoor home improvement projects, we need you to make the call before you break ground.

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There are many utilities underground that need to be marked before digging including: communications, electrical, gas, water, sewer, storm drainage, transmission pipelines and oil and gas production lines.

Marking where the lines are and how deep they run will keep you and your family safe - preventing injury or death.

### Make the call

When you call your local One-Call Centre you talk to an operator who will help determine what utilities are in the area. Professionals will be sent out to mark the lines, pipes and cables, so you'll know what's below – and be able to dig safely.

Never assume your contractor will make the call for you. Always ask and confirm that the call has been made. Privately installed utilities may not be located by utility companies, and you may need to hire a professional locator for these lines.

Here are some simple steps to follow:

■ Call your provincial One-Call Centre before you dig.  
■ Make sure any parties digging on site, even professionals, have a "One Call" ticket number.

■ Call at least 2-3 working days before you plan to dig.  
■ Wait for the professional to mark any buried lines.  
■ Understand and respect the markings.

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## Growing season looks profitable for area farmers

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As crop prices continue rallying at high levels, the upcoming growing season looks profitable for St. Paul County farmers. But provincial crop market analyst Charlie Pearson wonders how long the current price rally will last. He cautions producers to think about locking in some of the high prices they're seeing – before profits slip away.

"I don't think prices will fall through the floor. They should remain above average. But I think there's a strong probability we'll see a price correction of more than 10 per cent before crops are harvested this fall," says Pearson.

He explains farmers around the world typically respond to high prices by planting more acres and growing more grain. "It's a normal cycle. As long as growing conditions are good, the world will harvest bigger crops, and supply will catch up with demand –

driving prices lower. We saw it happen last year with wheat. Farmers harvested a record world wheat crop, pressuring those prices down," Pearson adds financial problems overseas such as the European debt crisis could also impact crop prices this year.

Canola is leading the current price rally, soaring to \$13.50/bushel at the end of March – up \$2/bushel over last fall, says Pearson. "Tremendous demand from China and strong North American demand for canola oil is fuelling those prices," he explains. Yellow peas climbed to \$9/bushel, while barley elevator prices held strong at about \$4.25/bushel – an increase of roughly 25 cents over last year due to a smaller 2011 crop and strong cattle market demand. "Most crop prices are well above average. The exception is wheat, which remains at about \$7/bushel for CWRS #1 because of last year's record

world crop," says Pearson.

Input costs have also climbed, he adds. "So farmers need above average crop prices to be profitable. It's definitely a year when producers should consider using the forward pricing tools available to them to lock in current high prices on a portion of their crop production."

### Deadline

Pearson explains farmers can sign deferred delivery contracts with grain buyers that lock in prices today for grain they'll deliver in the fall. The Spring Price Endorsement (SPE) rider on crop insurance is another good tool to look at, he says, reminding producers of the April 30 deadline to apply for crop insurance in Alberta. The SPE protects farmers against price drops of 10-to-50 per cent between the spring and fall.

"Interest in the SPE is strong this year as producers look for ways to protect prices. But as always,

weather uncertainty is the main reason farmers rely on crop insurance each year," says Lorelei Hulston, provincial insurance manager with Agriculture Services Corporation (AFSC), the Crown corporation that administers crop insurance in Alberta on behalf of the provincial government. She notes dry soil conditions throughout the fall and early spring have continued to cause concern in some areas of the province. "Although, as we saw last year, moisture levels can change quickly," she adds.

Duane Barstad says high input costs and getting adequate moisture are his biggest concerns as he prepares to seed up to 1,400 acres of wheat, barley, canola, and oats near St. Paul. "Inputs like fuel, fertilizer, and chemicals are so high, one bad year can really hurt if you don't get the moisture," he says, adding he uses crop insurance to offset potential losses. "You've got to have deep pockets if you don't at least have your costs covered to keep you going for another year. You can't count on the weather, that's for sure."

More than \$109 million was paid out for crop insurance claims across Alberta last year – most of it due to excess moisture that flooded fields, causing production and quality losses, says Hulston. About \$13 million was paid for Unseeded Acreage and Reseeding Benefits. Claims were also triggered by frost and drought conditions later in the season. Another \$178 million was paid for hail damage under the Hail Endorsement rider on crop insurance.

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# More volunteers welcome for Riverland Challenge

By VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Plans are rapidly falling into place for the Firth Annual Riverland Adventure Challenge, with all systems go now that an organizing team is in place for the May 26 event.

Marianne Price says e-mails have been sent to past participants inviting them back for another year, and including the registration form, which has a \$5 increase across the board for 2012. Online registration will be available shortly, she noted, and posters are going up in various locations. Becky Paul brought information about the event to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, and invited members to take part as participants, sponsors or prize donors. The County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point have both sponsored the event in the past, and will have that opportunity again this year.

The prize list is already growing, and includes everything from vests and backpacks to annual and single-visit historic site passes. All participants will also get goodie bags, and

businesses are invited to provide items that can be included in the bags.

Details such as booking vans, arranging for a black powder send-off and a bagpipe welcome, confirming the attendance of the voyageur canoe and tracking down paddlers for that vessel have been assigned to volunteers.

More volunteers are welcome to get on board for the day of the event, especially those willing to work at the turnaround point of the bicycle course and both at the Fort George and Buckingham House river landing, where paddlers may need assistance to bring their vessels ashore, and to bring the boats up the somewhat challenging portage trail. Other volunteer duties are also up for grabs, and anyone interested in signing up may contact Price at 780-645-2913.

The Riverland Challenge is an event that includes canoeing, running and cycling through some of our area's most scenic terrain as it journeys along the North Saskatchewan River and through the historic site and adjacent backroads.

All ages participate in

this annual event, from small children riding in in bike carriers to agile seniors. The event is a personal challenge and an opportunity to get outdoors in the fresh, country air.

The general public is welcome to come down to the Elk Point River Campground to cheer as the challenge sets off downstream, and to be on hand at the forts for the finish.

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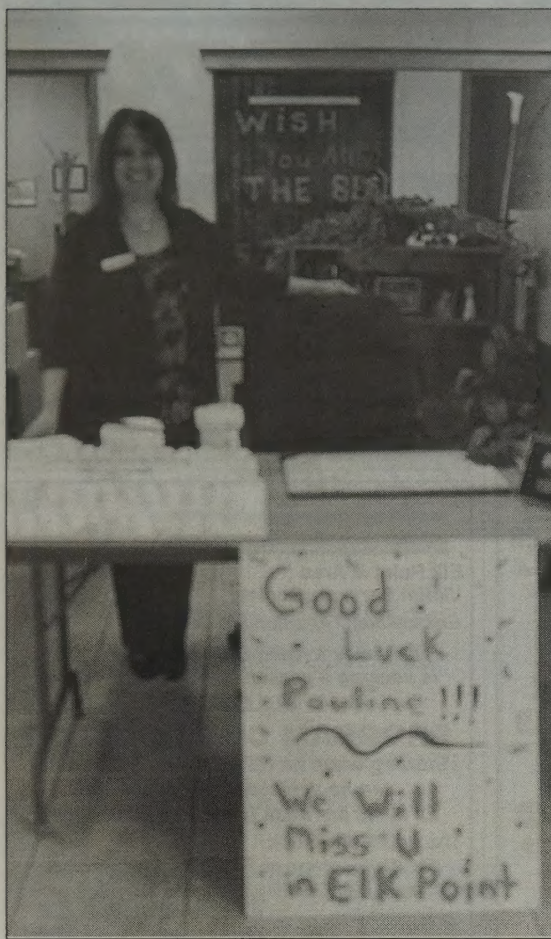
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## Servus manager changing branches

Servus Credit Union manager Pauline Kotowich was honoured by her Elk Point staff on her last day in the branch last Thursday, before she moved on to become manager of the considerably larger St. Paul branch. Kotowich has been with Servus since 1991, starting out as a member service representative and moving up to become a financial adviser and later an account manager of commercial and agricultural lending before becoming the Elk Point branch manager in July, 2009.

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Tenders may be forwarded to Buffalo Trail Public Schools Central Services at 1041-10A Street, Wainwright, AB., T9W 2R4.

Tenders will be closed on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

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Mr. Randy Huxley  
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Anyone interested in being an enumerator are asked to phone in with your contact information to:

Linda Meger @ 780-645-3301 extension (212) or Tim Mahdiuk @ 780-645-3301 extension (204) or you can e-mail your contact information to [countysp@county.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:countysp@county.stpaul.ab.ca)

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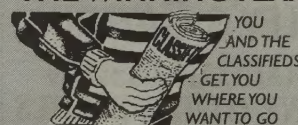
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County of St. Paul  
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## Crop insurance changes

Following two extremely wet springs, Hulston says AFSC is increasing coverage for several crops under the Reseeding Benefit, and enhancing the Unseeded Acreage Benefit to recognize higher costs associated with both dryland and irrigated acres. "Based on client feedback, farmers will also no longer have to reseed acres to be eligible for the Reseeding Benefit," she adds. "Farmers who seed crops that become flooded and can't be reseeded may now qualify for both the Reseeding and Unseeded Acreage Benefits."

AFSC is also announcing new policies for 2012 governing how claims will be paid for Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) and Ergot - crop diseases that attack the head of cereal plants, impacting grade and yields.

## New disease policies

"Starting in 2012, losses caused by Fusarium Head Blight are only payable if clients have followed the guidelines on the testing and treating of seed outlined in the Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan," explains Hulston, noting those guidelines can be found at [www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca) by typing 'Alberta Fusarium graminearum Management Plan' in the search box. The guidelines are applied under the authority of the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act and Regulation.

Provincial plant pathologist Ron Howard applauds the new policy. "It's going to help us prevent further spread of the disease in Alberta," he says. Fusarium graminearum, the most aggressive species of Fusarium that causes FHB, is currently found in the irrigated areas of southern Alberta, but growers across the province should be watching for it as well, says Howard, explaining Fusarium spores can spread by wind, infected seed, infested crop residues such as straw, or contaminated farm equipment and vehicles.

Under the new Ergot policy, AFSC will no longer provide quality loss coverage for Ergot because most seed cleaning plants can now effectively clean the Ergot bodies from harvested grain. "Instead, a cleaning factor will be applied to samples containing Ergot. Production will be reduced by that cleaning factor, and if it triggers a claim, payment will be made," explains Hulston.

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